

Our Vision

The Great New York State Fair is committed to fostering a greener and more sustainable future. Our goals extend beyond the vibrant festivities and mouthwatering delights that our event is renowned for. We recognize the need to address the global issue of food waste and we're at the forefront of change.

As a vendor in our Eatery, you are invited to be first to participate in our new, innovative Food Scraps Recycling Program to inspire a community-wide shift towards responsible consumption and waste management. We will provide you with covered bins retrofitted with compostable bags to discard your food waste in. After it has been taken out to a hauler placed right outside The Eatery, we will work with OCRRA to compost the waste.

Together, we can reduce food waste at the Great New York State Fair and cultivate a legacy of sustainability that echoes far beyond The Fairgrounds.



THANK YOU

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FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING

COMPOSTING FOR A CLEANER FUTURE

2023 Pilot Program
at The Eatery

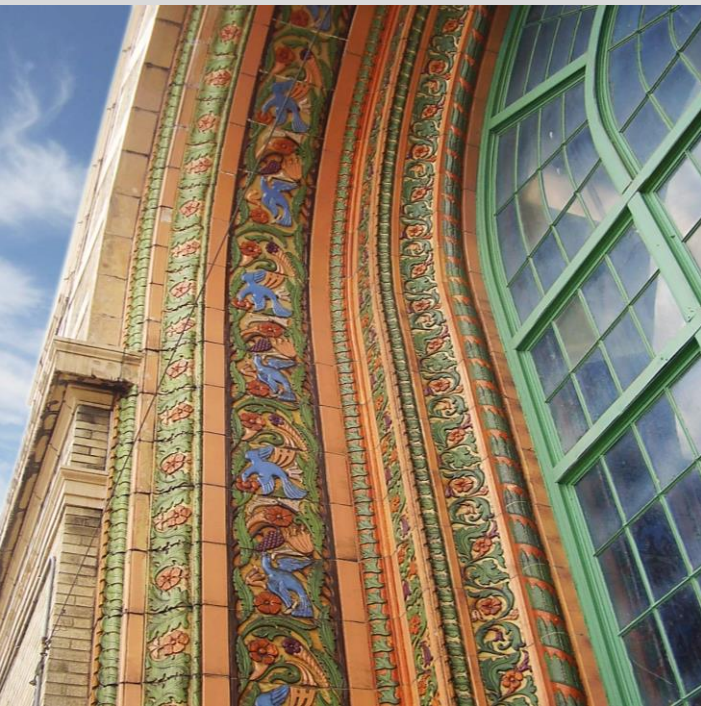
ISSUES

- Approximately 119 **billion** pounds of food is thrown out each year in the U.S
- About 1200 calories (over half of the average adult's daily needs) per person per day is wasted
- The water & energy expenditure of this waste could power 50 **million** households
- Food makes up about 20% of landfill weight, the single **largest** municipal waste source



IMPACTS

- The monetary value of all the food thrown out in the U.S is **more** than 408 **billion** dollars per year
- Food waste in the U.S. emits greenhouse emissions equivalent to 37 **million** vehicles
- The disposal of unwanted food costs U.S. taxpayers **over** 750 million dollars **every** year
- Roughly 1.9 **billion** pounds of fertilizer are used to produce food that ends up in the landfill



SOLUTIONS



- **Prevention:** the simplest & most impactful solution, avoid surplus by using efficient planning
- **Reuse:** Use redistribution networks and food banks to help those in need
- **Recycle:** Divert food scraps to be turned into compost. Added to soil, compost improves the characteristics of soil by increasing its fertility, protecting against desertification, improving water retention and sequestering carbon

